Ephemerides K

A prog-

stication for the yere

of Christ Jesus our lord & Sa-

uiour. 1566. Wherin are de-

clared dyuers notable thinges

as you shal perceaue by the

dyng therof: whiche (if God

permit) ar like to come to

as wel in this our Climate

also in certain other

freis. Set forth by

Scurris, Physitian

in Salisbury.

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¶ Of the first part of reuo-lution of this yere, 1566. conteynyng the one half of ỹ Astronomical yere, beyng the. xi. day of Marche at noone, & so ending the. xii. of Septẽber, about. viii. of ỹ clock after noon.

AFter that I had well viewed and cõsidered, ỹ face of the heauens, at the entrance of the Sunne into the Equinoctiall vernal point (whiche is the first scruple or minute of Aries) I founde the wytty, subtil and [illegible] like planet Mercury, to [illegible] as well of ths ascendent [illegible] of the first reuolution. Of the whiche reuolutiõ; the Sunne as a mighty lorde and kyng, chalẽged some part with him. I foũd also,

also, that stoute sturdy furious Mars, to occupy, yea rather by violence to withhold the chiefest part of all the horoscope, that is the East angle, being the first in order of all the .xii. houses in ỹ astronomicall figure, which house also concerneth mans lyfe, from his birth vnto his liues ende.

I founde also Iupiter, that excellent and beneficiall planete, (who for his inestimable benefits and vpright dealinge, were worthy of al honor, and to haue ỹ best place in ỹ celestial scheme: But alas, like as vpright, plain, and true dealyng men, are now a dayes litle set by, and nothyng regarded in the worlde: Euen so

alas, I say alas is Jupiter thrust downe, and as it were forsaken, by the permission of God for a tyme. I founde Jupiter I saye, placed in the lowest part of al the figure. And to increase also the more his infortune, he is as well now retrograde, as he was the last yeare, and occidentall of the sonne. The best comfort he hath is, that the gentyll and frendly lady Venus hath lent him a lodgyng for a space, & yet that is nat longer then ỹ beginnyng of May: for then he must go a maying for one moneth and more, vntyll he returne agayne the. vi. daye of June, whiche beyng ones returned, wyll then take hart of grace

 and

and be bolde to continue & walke in his frende Venus her house, vntyl it be the. 22. of Nouēber.

Considering also with my self the preuention goinge before, in the v. daye of Marche, the Moone beyng in the house of Mercury, beynge also saluted the next moowe after, with the quartyle aspect of fyery Mars, not to her cōtentation. The Sunne also being in a quartyle aspecte with Mars: I can not perceaue, but that muche mysery and trouble woyll happen in this Reuolatiō, as nowe I wyll in particular moze largely declare.

Mars being in the ascendēt, in

a septentrional signe portendeth a certayn earthquake to happen this yere, either in England, or els in some countrey nighe adiacēt, and specially about the latter end of the sommer: it wil cause also so seldome rayne. I gather also, Ex *tali eius situ*, that muche cruelnes, extortion, usury, contentiō, and suche lyke horrible vices, are lyke to reigne among men, causing therby many, to be very pēsife, and full of anguysshe and sorowe. For many wil be ready to scratche out other mennes eyes, for to take & rauish their goodes: And other that can not so violētly take thē, shal assay by al craft and subtil policie, to conuey thē away

away into their handes. Wherby gods plagues ar lyke to come vpō vs. Therfore O ye extortioners, O ye vnsatiable vsurers, al ye vnmerciful, gredy, & couetous ryche men, take hede, take hede, repent, for it is more than hyghe tyme. *Vastio est dies Domini, dies iræ & calamitatis, dies illa tremenda & admaraualde.* Dum dies est igitur & tempus habemus, operemur bonum, quia quando nox uenit .i. post mortem, nemo poterit operari.

The forsayd Mars placed in ỹ signe of Cancer, signifieth sodeyn shypwrackes, by occasion of great & sodein blastes of windes: also strife, contencion, and warre in the west partes: impositions

of subsydies & newe payementes,
dyuers diseases: for Mars is lorde
of the vi. house, as hotte agues,
pleureses, squinances, inflamations, head ache, megrym, peyn
in the stomack, in the smal guts,
in the back and sydes, and vlcerations in ỹ matrice, priuy partes
and fundament: also great heate,
and litle rayne, no great store of
butter. Item, the death of cattel,
and all other beastes, but chiefly
of horses: The water of welles
to be very lowe, for lacke of sufficient springes. And that the
boldest people and husbandmen,
to vse diligent and careful a-
bout their own busynes. They
badde nere so. I perceyue by the

lorde

lorde of this reuolution, and the trine aspect of the Sunne to the Moone, that marchantes and all other occupiers, and craftsmen, shal haue some better gaynes the they were wonte to haue of late yeres, and that as well by lande as by sea. Also wyse and learned men, scribes, registers, secretaries, astronomers, and chyldren, shall prosper better thē they were wont to doe: besides that there is lyke to be muche store of fythe.

As concernyng warre, I perceaue that Mars placed in the ascendent, beynge also septentrionall & direct, hauyng no lesse then fyue dignities in Cancer: bathe [illegible] himselfe from toppe to toe, ready to enter into the field,

and wyl do what he can, to bring the people out of quiet: yet notwithstanding, they of Mercurius side (whom I take to be certayne wyse and politike men, and ambassadors, doctors, scribes, marchauntes, & other learned men,) wil so, I hope, handle the matter that they shall soone represse the stoute inuasion and furious enterprise of Mars. For although he should rage neuer so muche at the beginning: yea, May beynge ones entred, approchinge to the 28. degree of Cancer: he shoulde haue for recompence, a foule shamefull fall.

Iupiter beinge retrograde and occidentall, hauyng no aspect vn-

the lord of the reuolution, declareth sorowe, muche care & feare to fall vpon the people. And also muche debate and strife in the lawe, for matters concerning inheritance, successions, landes, goodes, and debtes, leste by the dead. In whiche thynges not a fewe shall loase their righte, and shall not be able to prosecute the lawe,

Mercurius placed in the. ix. house, sheweth, that certayne wytty, politike, and learned mē, with the helpe of the higher powers, shall go about to establish matters in religiō: yet Jupiter being retrograde in the fourthe house, semeth to be an occasion

that all thynges shall not so well goe forwarde, as the Mercurialistes wouldo haue it. The same testifyeng also the wyly and flatteryng trine aspect of Mars vnto the sayde Mercurie. To whome Mars is alwayes mortall ennemye. Whyche thyng to be true, the very phylosophers haue alwayes testified, by this proverbe *Nihil Marti cum Musis. Mercuriales autem præ cæteris musarum cultores sunt.*

As touchyng Saturne, thys generall rule is alwayes to bee noted, (of the whiche somewhat I spake in my last yeares Prognostication) that as often as he is founde in a fixe signe, and specially

ally in Leo: he declareth mortalitie, with penury of corn, grasse, of dyuers fruites, sedes, flowers herbes, and rootes.

Also corruption of the ayre, grosse mystes, darke and cloudy wether, with some earthquake in the east partes. And because he is Septentrionall and Retrograde, signifyeth also greate showres of rayne, corruption and destruction, as well of the great mennes goodes, as of the goodes of common people, and of marchantes: pestilence, and dyuers other long and grenous diseases. Also dissention & muche strife betwene brothers. *Sol in x. constitutus, Regiæ honorem exaltationem,*

rionem, eiusque gloriam atque profectū signat. By the position of Venus, I fynd, that muche trouble dissention and hatred, shall bee caused through certain women, and chiefly by those that be of the baser sorte, and scarsly reputed honest. *Lura autē in 6. domicilio c xii* sheweth the rancor and discorde of certain fathers, the gayne of grasiers and horsekorsers, and also health to the body, sauing that Mars is lyke to haue the vpper hand in this poynt, as is sayde afore. I perceiue that *exceptis diaconis in scorpione*, the meaner sorte of people, shall haue cause to reioyce, by occasion of some good luck that shal happē vnto them.

But

Wat the lighter sort are lyke to fele some trouble & sorow. Also is signified discētiō, warre, woūds. and much fornicatiō with deceit. And that al kynde of beastes (except those ỹ be rydden shal much increace. Seruantes also shal increce, I meane, that there shal be many many mo seruantes then was wont to be. God graunt ỹ thei be true & good, I would money wold increase as well amōg the poore commons. Bvt of the increase I can finde nothyng by my calculatiō. *Cauda draconis in. 12. posita*, declareth som aduersite, to ỹ greater kynd of beastes & smal power to the enemies.

Hactenus de priori reuolutione.

Prognostication.

¶ Of the seconde part or reuolu-
tion conteinyng the other halfe
of the Astronomical yere, which
beginneth precisely, the. 13.
day of September, at.
8. of the clock at
nyght.

In the celestiall figure of
the seconde Reuolution, I
fynde the begynnynge of
Taurus to be ascendent. In the
whiche Venus is lady of the sayd
ascendent. But Jupiter is the
Lorde of the reuolution, geuyng
some parte of hys dominion to
Mercury.

All the Planetes (beyng as
they were agreed and of one
mynde